

MORE THAN 5,000 VOTERS WILL PASS ON CANDIDATES AND VARIOUS PROPOSITIONS

Approximately 5,000 Torrance voters are anticipating the election April 13 when three members of the City Council will be selected from a list of 14 candidates; three members of the Board of Education will be picked from five candidates and three Charter amendments and two propositions will be placed before the electors.

Registration of voters and filing of candidates closed last Thursday, and while the total voting strength of Torrance will not be known for several weeks, it is anticipated that new polling places will be needed to serve outlying areas.

Candidates for the various offices are listed below, together with their sponsors, and spirited contests are anticipated for both the City Council and the Board of Education vacancies.

In each case, incumbents filed for re-election. For the Council, they are William H. Tolson, former Mayor; C. Weston Gilbert, and B. C. Buxton. For the Board of Education, they are Mrs. Grace Wright, vice president of the Board; Carl Steele and George P. Thatcher.

Following is the list of candidates and sponsors:

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Mrs. Grace Wright, whose petition was circulated by Frank S. Selover, was signed by Grover C. Whyte, John H. Stroh, Charles V. Jones, James L. Lynch, Mrs. Myra Beeman, Mrs. Ethelyn Sears, Mrs. Jessie J. Wood and James R. Wilkes.

Albert Isen, whose petition was circulated by W. T. Greene, was signed by Murvin C. Miller, Adolph B. McTea, Claude Lee Mackey, Emma M. Mackey, James H. Mackey, Frank Jakubowski, Katherine L. Jakubowski, Helen G. Silligo, Arland F. Palmer and W. A. Felker.

Carl D. Steele, whose petition was circulated by Michael L. Fenwick, was signed by James P. Montague, Fay L. Parks, Thomas F. McNeil, Louise M. Lawver, Elizabeth M. Day, Mrs. Mary R. Stapelfeld, James A. Evans, B. J. Michels and Elmer S. Moon.

George P. Thatcher, whose petition was circulated by Joyce G. Michels, was signed by Mrs. Joyce G. Michels, Howard A. Wood, Mrs. Florence H. Miller, Clyde E. Ruckman, Mrs. Lalla P. Bowen, Dean L. Sears, Mrs. A. B. Cowie, John B. Melville, John H. Stroh and Richard K. Brown.

Stanley W. Briggs, whose petition was circulated by Almer C. Turner, was signed by Mrs. Lalla P. Bowen, Lester Taft King, John B. Melville, Orville Holdsworth, Albertus Wicker, Robert E. Lee, Marvin Goettsch, Erwin A. King, Carrie May King and Orville W. Hakanson.

CITY COUNCIL
James A. Evans, whose petition was circulated by F. A. Dobson, was signed by W. E. Kalbfleisch, William H. Ambach, Daniel G. Desmond, Mrs. LaVonne D. Desmond, Mrs. Mabel Weigand, Ruth E. Nagel, Dorothy Nagel, Anna M. Batsch, Marie J. Bezich and Durward D. Palmer.

Charles M. Gilbert, whose petition was circulated by Charles M. Gilbert, was signed by Cecil W. Smith, Orrin E. Stadden, Harry E. Greenwood, Lawrence V. Babcock, Leslie L. Prince, Bernard J. Michels, Odell W. Moorman, John A. Barrington.

William H. Tolson, whose petition was circulated by Herbert R. Burgess, was signed by Fay L. Parks, Sam Levy, John B. Melville, Henry D. Revelle, George P. Thatcher, William A. Mason, Frank G. Dominguez.

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Man Arrested After Attack On Victim Of Dog

Defending himself with a pair of hedge shears against a dog that had bitten him, William Everett, 1004 Arlington avenue, elderly custodian of the Torrance post office, was struck by the owner of the dog, Aylesworth Lewis, 1529 218th street, early last Saturday, and was treated at the Harbor General hospital for a lacerated mouth, police reports showed.

Everett, in his statement to the police, stated that he was trimming the hedge on the post office grounds when he was twice bitten by the dog. He said he struck at the dog when he came at him a third time just as the owner was coming out of the building, Lewis is reported to have flayed Everett over hitting his dog and then struck him two times in the mouth.

Lewis was arrested on a battery complaint signed by the injured man and was released on \$100 bail. His preliminary trial was set for today.



URGES SUPPORT . . . Bob Haggard, prominent Realtor and chairman of the Torrance branch of the American Red Cross, this week urged local residents to support the annual fund drive of the Red Cross. The drive is headed by Mrs. A. L. Hudson, fund chairman. Haggard, a candidate for the City Council at the forthcoming city election, presided over the "kickoff" meeting of the drive Tuesday evening in the directors room of the Chamber of Commerce.

Grace Attacked By Thugs As He Leaves 'Y' Meet

Willoughby T. (Bill) Grace, owner of the Grace Candy Co., in San Pedro, and well known in Torrance, was recovering this week from an attack by two thugs Friday night, according to police reports from the San Pedro division.

The police reports show that Grace, whose business is at 255 W. 6th street and whose residence is at 1513 15th street, was called from the San Pedro Y. M. C. A. building, where he was coaching a basketball game, on a telephone report that his wife was seriously ill. As he got into his car on Palos Verdes street between 9th and 10th streets, at about 8:15 p.m., two suspects opened the car door.

According to reports to the police, the men commanded of Grace that he "get the h— out of here." The report states: "Both suspects then tried to pull the victim from the car and both struck him repeatedly, causing lacerations over the left eye and bruises on the left leg and left elbow, and a blackened left eye. 'The victim called for help and honked his automobile horn and both suspects ran.'"

The suspects were said to be male, white, each age about 30, medium and stocky build. Grace is a member of the negotiating committee of the San Pedro Business Men Associated, which has been meeting with Secretary Haskell Tidwell, of the Retail Clerks Union, Local 905, in an effort to reach an agreement between employers and clerks in the harbor area.

Temporary Armory 'Out' Spring Is In The Air . . .

City Administrator George W. Stevens said yesterday that he had been informed that the State of California had cancelled all plans for construction of temporary armories for the California National Guard.

Thus, he said, the lease on a portion of Torrance park, offered as a site for erection of two Navy barracks buildings which were to serve as an armory for the 578th Engineer Combat Battalion, will not be asked at this time.

Meanwhile, the State of California still has control of a small barracks building on Torrance park occupied during the war by Company H, 39th regiment, California State Guard.

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County Gives \$30,000 Road Money To City

A resolution was adopted by the Board of Supervisors at Tuesday's meeting, determining that the improvement of Crenshaw Boulevard and other streets, by paving within the City of Torrance, is of such general interest as to warrant the County of Los Angeles' participation in this improvement.

Supervisor Raymond V. Darby stated that the amount appropriated for this purpose by the County, out of the City of Torrance's apportionment of county aid to cities for the year 1947-48, is \$30,000.

Thoroughfares listed in the proposed project are, Crenshaw boulevard, Border, Sartori, Beech, Acacia, Ocean, Los Condonia, Arlington and Cabrillo avenues, Newton and 168th streets.

City Administrator George W. Stevens said that work on the more important routes will start at once.

SCHOOL BOND ISSUE GAINS NEW SUPPORT

A request, directed to the Torrance City Board of Education, that a \$1,464,108 issue of school bonds be submitted to the electorate for approval, was voted by members of the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee yesterday at its regular luncheon meeting. The advisory group, composed of representatives of various civic and business organizations, also endorsed the revised building program of the school board, which calls for an eight per cent reduction in costs under that formerly proposed. Assistant Superintendent of Schools Emmett W. Ingram detailed the reductions in the various items, which were previously reported by this newspaper.

In discussing tax rates, Superintendent of Schools J. Henrich Hull stated that by taking the average rate of three per cent on current issues of school bonds, over 12 year retirement schedule, the cost to Torrance taxpayers for the first two years after the bonds are sold would be 50 cents per \$100 assessed valuation and 44 cents, respectively. This estimated rate is based on the present valuation of \$3,500,000 and next year's estimated valuation of \$35,500,000. As the valuations go higher, the rate will go lower, Hull stated. He also pointed out that the present 50 cent increase levy voted for this year will be eliminated next year.

"If there is a premium paid for the bonds by the purchaser, which is very likely, the rate will be reduced by that proportion. Our interest could be as low as 2 1/2 per cent. These factors mean that the tax rate will in all probability be less than 50 cents and could go much lower than indicated as assessed valuation increases and interest payments are reduced," Supt. Hull said.

Spring Is In The Air . . .

With the official beginning of spring a little more than a week away, we took off our coat and walked around with an open sport shirt for the first time since last summer. Sauntering into the Weather Man's inner sanctum with our coat over our arm we casually remarked,

"Nice day, isn't it?"

More conversational than usual he answered:

"See for yourself," and handed us the following official temperature report for Torrance during the last week.

March	Maximum	Minimum
3	65	41
4	68	39
5	68	37
6	67	38
7	65	42
8	65	39
9	63	48

WATER EMPLOYEES ENTITLED TO CIVIL SERVICE RIGHTS, ATTORNEY TELLS COUNCIL

Faced with an opinion of City Attorney C. Douglas Smith that employees of Torrance Municipal Improvement District No. 1 are now and always have been employees of the City of Torrance and entitled to Civil Service status and retirement benefits, Judge Otto B. Willett resigned as attorney for the Board of Directors of the several Torrance water districts Monday night.

Rep. Cecil King Files Nominating Petition In L.A.



REP. CECIL R. KING
Congressman Seeks Re-election

Cecil R. King, incumbent Democratic congressman in the Seventeenth District, filed his nominating petition with the county registrar of voters in Los Angeles, March 8, for re-election at the June 1st primary.

King was the second person to file for the office. L. Gayle Warrick, Gardena contractor, beat King for the honor of being first in the race by about three minutes.

Warrick lives at 428 W. 164th St., Gardena, while King gave his address as 152 W. 88th St., Los Angeles.

Warrick filed on the Republican ticket and King on the Democratic slate.

MEASURE TO PERMIT HARBOR AREA TO WITHDRAW FROM LOS ANGELES GAINS STRENGTH

Assemblyman Vincent Thomas told the Torrance Herald Saturday, on a visit to this city during a week-end recess of the Legislature, that his bill to permit San Pedro and Wilmington to withdraw from the City of Los Angeles is "three times as strong" as it was during the last session when it missed adoption by but a few votes.

Thomas explained that the bill provides that sections of any city which formerly were incorporated cities can withdraw by vote from the city to which it annexed. The law now requires the whole city to pass on such withdrawal. However, he said, sections of unincorporated territory which annexed to an adjoining city will be unable to withdraw, under terms of the bill.

The Assemblyman said that the bill was considerably strengthened when it was altered to provide that only sections which were formerly incorporated cities may vote to withdraw, and while this applies to all California cities, it is believed only Los Angeles actually is involved. Both San Pedro and Wilmington were separate, incorporated cities before annexing to Los Angeles.

The action would not allow withdrawal of Hollywood Riviera from Torrance, as has been suggested, unless all of Torrance voted in favor of the withdrawal. Nor would the Shoestring be involved.

Thomas said that his effort in connection with the bill is in a way tied up with the proposed legislation to permit the forming of a rapid transit district consisting of all of Los Angeles and nearby cities.

He said that such outlying sections such as Long Beach, San Pedro, Wilmington, Torrance and other communities would be taxed to provide the rapid transit system into Los Angeles, and he asked for expressions of the people of Torrance and other parts of his district on the matter.

"There is some feeling," Assemblyman Thomas declared, "that the people in the outlying districts would be

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Giant Oil Rig To Be Viewed By National Workers

So that they will have the opportunity of inspecting a recently completed giant oil drilling rig, The National Supply Company will hold an open house for employees and their families on Saturday, March 13, from 1-4 p.m., company officials announced yesterday.

J. D. Spaulding, works manager, stated that the new machine, known as Type 100 Consolidated Drilling Rig, is the largest modern type of equipment in the world. The open house is for the purpose of allowing "company families" to view the apparatus before it is sent to the International Petroleum Exhibition in Tulsa, Okla., where it will be set up with a derrick, and actual drilling operations demonstrated, it was said. The unit, powered by three engines, is capable of drilling to a depth of 2,000 feet in the quest for oil, officials claim.

"The completion of this immense rig represents a job well done and one in which every Nationalite at Torrance shares with a feeling of pride," he added.

U.S. Injunction Seeks To Reopen A & P Markets

The National Labor Relations Board sought an injunction in Federal court Monday to enjoin four locals of the A. F. of L. Meatcutters' Union from continuing "unfair labor practices" in their 19-week-old strike against A & P food stores.

The action of the NLRB is similar to that asked by merchants of the Torrance, San Pedro and Wilmington area against Retail Clerks Union 905 AFL, which now is being studied by the NLRB trial examiner.

The action, based on NLRB complaints charging the union with closed shop demands and other alleged violations of the Taft-Hartley Law, was believed first of its kind involving a retailer. It marked the third legal joust of national significance in this case since the strike started Nov. 2.

The petition, filed by Howard F. Le Baron, NLRB regional director, charged the union with "attempting to cause A & P to discriminate against employees" and thereby "restraining and coercing" them in the exercise of rights guaranteed under the Act. This referred to closed shop demands in violation of the amended labor law.

Defendants named were Local 421, Los Angeles; 439, Pasadena, Redlands and San Bernardino; 551, Long Beach area, and 587, Santa Monica area.

Today's action followed a two-week investigation by Samuel Ross, Washington, D.C. attorney representing Robert N. Denham, NLRB general counsel.

Torrance High Teachers To Get Consideration

High school teachers, now under employ of the Redondo Union School District, will be given first consideration when staffing the Torrance High School next year, Superintendent of Schools J. Henrich Hull told members of the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee yesterday.

A number of these teachers have already applied for positions with the Torrance schools and their applications are now being processed, he said. "I have made arrangements to be in my office during the next few weeks in order to interview these teachers," Hull said.

FUTURE PLANS FOR AIRPORT DANGLE AS DEED RECEIVED; NET INCOME \$126 A MONTH

Torrance Municipal Airport was the subject of considerable discussion this week as three important phases were reached. They include:

1. The deed from the War Assets Administration was received to the entire airport, except such portions as are occupied by the veterans emergency housing group comprising the area improved with temporary barracks buildings erected for war-time use.

2. A proposition for operation of the airport was discussed by officials of the City of Torrance involving a plan to make the airport the best known flying field in Southern California.

3. A report filed with the city shows that in the entire operation of the airport under present management since June 1, 1947, an average profit of \$126.21 per month has been realized by the City of Torrance.

The airport deed, was received as a result of the efforts of the Torrance Aviation Commission, then headed by Reed H. Parkin, immediate past president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, and Rep. Cecil R. King. It requires that the airport now being operated by the city under interim and right-of-entry permits be surrendered to the government in event of national emergency, and that the agencies of the government have free access to 25 percent of the entire area deeded to Torrance.

According to reports this week, K. Sande Senness, who recently purchased the Weston ranch properties for the development of a tract of some 1800 dwelling units, has offered to pay the City of Torrance a minimum of \$500 a month for the operation rights at the airport. At a breakfast meeting held on Tuesday morning, Senness is said to have told a group of city officials that Torrance will receive 25 percent of the tiedown fees; 3 percent of the return to operators of air training programs; 2 cents on each gallon of gasoline sold from the airport, and from 2 to 3 percent of the return from service and maintenance income on the field.

It is estimated that some \$1300 a month would be paid to the City of Torrance under the program, and it was declared that Senness is willing to deal with any manager at the airport selected by the city providing he is able to finance an operations plan in keeping with the development program which he outlines. This includes the building of a \$300,000 airport, the first in the Southland, on the Senness properties.

According to figures revealed in the office of City Clerk A. H. Bartlett yesterday, the airport has grossed only \$3190.57 since June 1, 1947, of which \$4856.76 was paid in commissions to airport Manager E. Y. Tarkington. Expenses were listed as \$2197.89, with a net income of \$1135.92 being realized.

Last month, receipts were \$902.50, commissions totaled \$721.88, and expenses \$458.18. The loss was \$277.56.

The net income to the city since the right-of-entry permit was received, as of June 1, 1947, amounts to an average of \$126.21 a month.

Torrance Youths Arrested Trying To Rob Police

When four asserted hold-up men attempted to slug and rob Edward E. Gilliland, Los Angeles police officer Monday, near his home at 1659 East 82nd Place, the latter promptly drew his revolver and placed the quartette under arrest.

In custody, charged with suspicion of robbery are Peter Bracamonte, 18, of 1567 East 119th street; David Bustillos, 20, of 1551 East 118th place; John C. Cendeias, 20, of 2229 203rd street, Torrance and Richard Hermenegildo, 18, of the same address.

According to sheriff's officers, Gilliland and the latter's partner, Charles Belknap, were entering the former's home, in plain clothes, when the four youths were seen coming down the driveway. They started to attack Gilliland with knives. Gilliland drew his revolver, and with the assistance of Belknap, arrested the quartette and held them for sheriff's officers.

DAYLIGHT SAVING MAY AFFECT NIGHT SPORTS

Daylight saving time and the lack of snowfall may have a definite effect on summer activities, night baseball games in particular, a survey revealed today.

Scheduled to go into effect at 2:01 Sunday morning daylight saving time is designed to conserve power, the lack of which may cause authorities to restrict summer time outdoor lighting facilities, it was revealed.

C. C. Bartlett, of the Southern California Edison Company, stated that although no steps had officially been taken to restrict the use of power in Southern California, the far below normal snow fall on nearby water sheds had reduced the water level in lakes which generate much of the company's

power to such an extent that if the situation grows worse it may be necessary to curtail the consumption of unnecessary power.

However, he stated that the saving of power effected by taking advantage of more of the day's natural light might offset the current shortage and make a power-use restriction unnecessary.

Compared to the power difficulties other situations caused by the starting of daylight saving time seem trivial. Firemen and persons who normally sleep at night will be short an hour's rest, while police and other graveyard workers will only work a seven hour shift. A few children may be late for Sunday school but probably will have little excuse for being late to regular school by Monday.